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Transmitted herewith is:

- ☐ A new application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b).
☒ A ☐ Continuation, ☐ Divisional, or ☒ Continuation-in-part (CIP) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of prior application no. 10/003,011.

Prior application information: Examiner: Pedro Philogene Art Unit: 3732

- ☐ Maintenance of copendency of prior application: A request for extension of time and the appropriate fee have been filed in the pending prior application (or are being filed in the prior application concurrently herewith) to extend the period for response until _____.

For Continuation or Divisional Applications only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied as indicated below, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

The following application elements and other papers are attached:

1. Application including: ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR § 1.76.
☒ Title page
☒ Specification, including claims and Abstract (20 pages)
☒ Drawings (9 sheet(s))
☐ Appendices:
☒ Declaration (unexecuted) or ☐ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (_____ pages):
☐ newly-executed (original or copy)
☐ copy from a prior application (37 CFR §1.63(d))
☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR §1.53(d)(4). Please DELETE the following inventors(s) named in prior nonprovisional application no: _____:

2. ☐ Small Entity Status:
☐ Applicant hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
☐ A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. _____ / _____ and such status is still proper and desired.
☐ Is no longer desired.

3. Fee calculation (after entry of any preliminary amendment(s) in Item #7 below):

Claims as Filed	Col. 1	Col. 2	Small Entity			Not a Small Entity		
For	No. Filed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee	or	Rate	Fee	
Basic Fee				\$ 385	or		\$ 770	
Total Claims	21-20	1	x\$9=	\$	or	1x\$18=	\$ 18	
Independent Claims	1-3	0	x\$43=	\$	or	x\$86=	\$	
Multiple Dependent Claims Present			+\$145=	\$	or	+\$290=	\$	
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4. Fee payment :

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$788 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
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- ☐ Any filing fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
- ☐ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17.
- ☐ The issue fee set in 37 CFR § 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.311(b).
5. ☐ Certified copy of priority document(s)
- ☐ is attached or ☐ has been filed in prior application no. ____ / ____.
6. ☐ English Translation Document
- ☐ is attached or ☐ has been filed in prior application no. ____ / ____.
7. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:
- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached (*note:* related application data required under 37 CFR §1.78, if any, appears in the Amendments to the Specification section of the Preliminary Amendment, including incorporations by reference).
- ☐ A "Petition to Suspend Prosecution For the Time Necessary to File an Amendment (New Application Filed Concurrently)" is attached.
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, including Form PTO-1449 (_____ sheets) and copies of references cited, if required.
9. ☐ An Assignment to _____:
- ☐ with accompanying Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet, is attached.
- ☐ was previously recorded on _____ at Reel _____, Frame _____.
10. ☐ Power of Attorney (_____ pages; ☐ by inventor ☐ by Assignee identified in item #9 above)
11. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 USC §122(b)(2)(B)(i)
12. ☐ Other: _____
13. ☒ Return Postcard
14. The power of attorney in the prior application is to: _____ (Reg. No. _____).
- ☐ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- ☐ The power does not appear in the original papers in the prior application, but was filed on: _____
- ☐ A new power has been executed and is attached.
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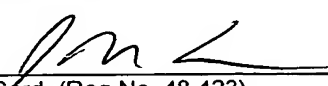
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Respectfully submitted,

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